

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 WESTERLY PARKWAY, STATE COLLEGE, PA 16801



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am,
11:30am

Weekday:

Mon : 8:00am Mass
Tue.: 8:00am Comm. Svc.
Wed. & Thursday: See
Christmas Schedule inside
Fri.: 8:00am Comm. Svc.
Sat. 9:00am Mass

Confessions—see inside

**Adoration of Blessed
Sacrament** takes place after
8:00am Mass **Tuesday &
Thursdays.** (See inside for
this week).

Rosary:

Tues., Wed. & Sat.: 8:25am,
Mon., Thur. & Fri: 7:25am

**First Saturday
Rosary:** Seven
Sorrows Rosary
sponsored by CDA
after 9:00am
Mass. All are welcome.



The Church is open Monday -
Sunday 7:00am to 8:00pm.

OLV Online Giving: go to
www.ourladyofvictory.com
and click on the link
<https://abundant.co/olvsc>
to give online.

- Text Giving: Text OLVSC
to 73256.

- Use the Abundant App,
which you can download on
your smartphone.

- Scan QR code

You are now
able to give to
School,
Maintenance,
Twin Parish
Mission, Debt
Reduction,
Christmas & Easter online.



December 20 & 21, 2025
4th Sunday of Advent



See the Christmas
schedule inside.



**Fourth Sunday
of Advent
Prayer:**

Dear Lord,

Visit our homes!
Visit our families!
Bring your goodness and
light to every broken heart
we've met on this journey of
life.

Your presence brings
healing and rebirth.

Come, Lord Jesus!

Amen.

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Church Website:

www.ourladyofvictory.com

Church E-mail:

office@ourladyofvictory.com

School

814-238-1592

Preschool

814-238-6616

School/Preschool Website

www.olvcatholicschool.org

Diocesan Website

www.ajdiocese.org

OLV Prayer Network

prayer@ourladyofvictory.com

Flocknote: Are you missing out on important announcements from Our Lady of Victory. This is the quickest and most effective way to get up-to-date OLV news to you. If you are not getting flocknote emails, we may not have your email address on record at the Church. To sign up, go to <https://ourladyofvictory10.flocknote.com/OLVParishioner>.

Parish Staff - (814) 237-7832

Pastor, Fr. George Jakopac gjakopac@dioceseaj.org
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Secretaries' Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:30 to Noon, 1-4pm.

Bulletin Notice

Material to be published in the following week's bulletin should be on Diane's desk no later than **Monday, 9:00am.** See inside for holiday deadlines.

Baptism

Sundays, 1:00pm, with arrangements having been made previously by contacting Diane.

Marriage

Diocesan Regulations require nine months prior notice. Contact Betty, the Secretary.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturdays, 4:00-4:30pm.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays and Thursdays following 8:00am Mass, with Reposition at 4:00pm.

Dec. 7 Collections Envelope \$34,040.08; Loose \$2,411.00; Online Giving \$3,265.34; School \$385.00; Maintenance \$882.00; Twin Parish Mission \$366.00; Debt Reduction \$172.00; Gabriel Project \$2,459.00; St. Vincent de Paul \$625.00; Donuts \$36.00; Candles \$240.00; Archdiocese of Military Services \$50.00; Catholic Charities \$350.00; All Saints \$10.00. Total \$44,043.42.

Dec. 14 Collection: Bulletin was submitted before the collection was processed.



Are You or Someone You Know Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Are you an Adult who wishes to complete your Sacraments?

Weekly Sessions are held on Thursdays at 7:00pm in the OLV Activities Center.

If you are interested, please email the Office of Christian Initiation of Adults:

[becomingcatholic@ourladyofvictory.com.](mailto:becomingcatholic@ourladyofvictory.com)

MASS MEMORIALS and SCHEDULE

Monday, Dec. 22

8:00am - † Charles Schneider by Laura Schneider

Tuesday, December 23

**8:00am - Communion Service
*Adoration ends at 4:00pm.***

Wednesday, December 24

8:00am - NO MASS

4:00pm - † Ryan Russell by The Russell Family

6:30pm - † Lorraine Bagley by K of C #4678 State College

9:00pm - † Kathy DiMuccio by Freda & Sharon

Thursday, December 25

7:30am - † George Huegel by Shirley Hendrick

9:30am - † Beverly English by husband, Frank

No 6:30pm Mass, No Confessions & No Adoration.

Friday, December 26

8:00am - Communion Service

Saturday, December 27

9:00am - † Veronica Samansky by Frank Samansky

5:00pm - Ints. Mary Jean Murgas by Anna Mae Mentzer

Sunday, December 28

7:30am - † Charles Broderick by Carol & Dennis Marince

9:30am - For All People of Parish

11:30am - † Paul Sepich by The Clarke Family

Hospital Stay - Call the Church Office at 237-7832 if you are or will be a patient at Mount Nittany Medical Center and wish the Eucharist brought to you. This facility does not notify us, so you or your family must call the church.



Early Bulletin Submissions: The bulletin for January 3/4: Articles are due to the office by Monday, December 22.



Christmas and Solemnity of Mary Schedule:

Christmas Eve: Wednesday, December 24

4:00pm
6:30pm
9:00pm (Carols begin at 8:15pm)

Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25

7:30am & 9:30am

(Please note, there will not be a 11:30am Mass or 6:30pm Mass on Christmas. Also, no Adoration nor confessions)

Feast of Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 31 - No Vigil Mass

Thursday, January 1

9:00am & 6:30pm

Our Lady of Victory + Hallow: Our Lady of Victory is thrilled to announce that we'll be partnering with Hallow this year, the #1 prayer app! Through prayer and meditation rooted in the Catholic faith, Hallow helps people grow closer to God and find peace. Users are able to pray alongside Fr. Mike Schmidt, Sr. Miriam James, actors Mark Wahlberg and Jonathan Roumie, plus many more. The app also offers mental health and sleep content, audiobooks, and sacred music.

All parishioners – paid subscribers and those on the free version – are invited to be a part of Our Lady of Victory's parish page in the app. There, you're able to create a profile, share prayer requests, and take part in prayer challenges together.

To join, visit hallow.com/parish, search (zip code is fastest), and follow the prompts. You'll be given a special trial which gives access to all the app's premium content. If you'd like to forgo and remain on the free version, simply hit "Skip" and you'll have access to our parish page.

Already using Hallow? Simply open the app, tap the Community tab at the bottom of your screen, visit our parish page, and join the Advent prayer challenge.

Issues with app access? Please contact parishsupport@hallow.app.

We look forward to praying with you!



OLV's Penance Service will be held this Sunday, Dec. 21, 6:00pm. This is the last chance for confession before Christmas.

Traveling Chalice and Sacred Heart Statue:

There are new sign up sheets for 2026 in the Gathering Space to sign up for a week of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. You take the statue and chalice home on Saturday/Sunday after your normal Mass time and we ask that you return it by 4:00pm the following Saturday.



March For Life Bus Trip Friday January 23, 2026 (Space Limited)

MARCH for LIFE Our Lady of Victory is taking reservations for the 2026 "March for Life" Bus Trip to Washington, DC on Friday, Jan. 23. Our pick-up location will be at *Good Shepherd Catholic Church*, 867 Grays Woods Blvd, Port Matilda, PA 16870.

The DONATION is Youth 18 and younger \$10; PSU Students and Adults \$15; and Family \$30. Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Victory. (March for Life in memo line) (820 Westerly Parkway, State College, PA 16801). If you would like to attend, please contact the OLV Parish Office to make a reservation. For any additional questions please call Chris Kirkpatrick, OLV Office at 814-237-7832 or email chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com.



Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Closing:

The official closing Mass for the Jubilee will be celebrated at all cathedrals worldwide on Sunday, December 28, 2025 on the Feast of the Holy Family. In the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown at the 11:00am televised Mass at St. John Gualbert Cathedral, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak is the Main celebrant.

Also at the 10:00am Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, Msgr. Stanley C. Carson will be the Main Celebrant leading the Closing Jubilee Year Eucharistic celebration.

Our Lady of Victory will be closing the Jubilee Year at the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, December 27. We will also draw the winner of the statue.

All the faithful are encouraged to participate in prayer and if coming in-person to please bring an offering of a non-perishable food item, paper or cleaning products for those in need to Mass in the spirit of charity as envisioned by Pope Francis for the Jubilee Year. We can all be Ambassadors of Hope.



Our Lady of Victory Catholic School

Enrollment Now Open

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School is a Middle States accredited school, providing quality education for children in preschool through 8th grade.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School provides opportunities for students to excel in academics, athletics, fine arts, and other extracurricular activities. The environment, rooted in love, faith, dignity, and integrity, enables students to reach their potential as leaders and learn the skills they need to succeed at OLVCS and beyond.

814-238-1592 | principal@olvcs.org | www.olvcatholicsschool.org/admission

OLV Walk-A-Thon \$5000 + Angelic Benefactor

OLV Walk-A-Thon \$2500 to \$4999 Seraphim Benefactor



A SPECIAL THANKS TO
The Vadella Tanner Family

A SPECIAL THANKS TO
Joe and Sue Rogacs

A SPECIAL THANKS TO
Matt and Theresa Heinz Family



Turn your personal or business PA. Income Taxes into OLV Scholarships: We Need

Your Help! Many families and their children need tuition assistance to attend Our Lady of Victory Catholic Preschool thru Middle School. *Individuals/households* with an annual income of \$115,000 or PA personal income tax liability of \$3,500+ annually qualify to participate in the **Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program**. *Businesses* that qualify to get their taxes back are C-Corporations and owners of Subchapter S-Corporations, LLCs, LPs, LLPs and Partnerships. If you are in the position to help by directing your PA Income tax through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit EITC program to OLV, contact Chris Kirkpatrick: 814-237-7832, ext. 421 or chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com.

OLVCS PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
Thursday, January 15th at 4:30 PM
Join us for a tour and learn more about our programs!
<https://preschool.olvcatholicsschool.org> 814-238-6616

OLVCS KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE
Tuesday, January 13th at 5:30 PM
Join us for a tour and learn more about our programs!
www.olvcatholicsschool.org 814-238-1592

OLVCS MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
Wednesday, January 14th at 5:30 PM
Join us for a tour and learn more about our programs!
www.olvcatholicsschool.org 814-238-1592

Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy
High School is accepting applications for the 2025-2026 school year. To schedule a tour and find out more about the affordability of tuition, please visit www.stjoeacad.org.

SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY PRESENTS...

Mini-THON
CONQUERING CHILDHOOD CANCER
FOUR DIAMONDS

CLICK HERETO DONATE!

Religious Education News

- CCD classes are held each Sunday morning from **10:30-11:20am**.
- There will be no CCD classes on Sunday, 12/28/25 due to the Christmas holiday. Classes will resume on 1/4/26.
- New families can contact the DRE, Susan Ishmael, at directorccd@ourladyofvictory.com to register for classes.
- Our Youth Ministers will be leading a group of high school students next June 26th-28th, 2026 to the **Steubenville Youth Conference** at Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH. This weekend conference offers students an opportunity to encounter Christ through worship, music, speakers, and other activities. **There are still spots available.** Registration forms and a \$50 deposit will reserve your spot. Forms are available in the baptistry.

Several changes have been made to the calendar for those children receiving First Reconciliation and First Communion this school year. New dates for Reconciliation are as follows:

Friday, April 24, 2026 at 10:00am: OLVCS students

Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 10:30am: CCD students in Dr. Zazzali's class

Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 10:30am: CCD students in Miss Small's/Dr. Puts' class and anyone who missed the prior dates (OLVCS or CCD)

NOTE: Students who are receiving Reconciliation and Communion this year but who are not in 2nd grade should pick one of the CCD Sundays to receive First Reconciliation.

First Holy Communion will still be held on **Saturday, May 2 at 10:00am (students arrive by 9:30am)**.

Rehearsal will be moved to **Friday, May 1st at 6:00-7:00pm**.

CCD families will complete two extra, at-home assignments, one before First Reconciliation and one before First Communion. Details about the assignments will be emailed to CCD families several weeks ahead of First Reconciliation and First Communion (shortly before and after Easter).

CCD chalice painting will be moved to Sunday, March 1 during CCD class (previously Sunday, February 22nd). OLVCS students will still have **Chalice Painting on Ash Wednesday, February 18**.



The Annual Children's Living Nativity will be held at the 6:30pm Christmas Eve Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church on Wednesday, December 24. A rehearsal will be held in the church on Monday, December 22 from 6:30-7:30pm. Performers **MUST** attend rehearsal to participate.



Middle School and High School Youth groups meet Thursdays at 7:00pm in the OLV

Activities Center. For questions, please contact:

High School: Francis Baggett at: highschoolyg@ourladyofvictory.com.

Middle School, please contact Molly Bosak at middleschoolyg@ourladyofvictory.com.



Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift Store:

The Thrift Store will be closed December 22, 2025, through January 3, 2026, so our

Volunteers can enjoy time with their family and friends.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

One of your fellow ministers uses a special display for the Holy Eucharist when reciting the special prayers during a house call. If you think that you would like to use a similar display for your house-call(s), please let us know and you will be notified when your

complimentary copy (pyx not included) is available for pickup at the church office. The display is "foldable" for easy compact transport. Thank you!

The Marian Gift Shop in the Activities Center is open Sundays from 10:00am to 11:15am or by appointment. Contact Rose Marboe at 814-883-4446 to shop other days. We have lots of Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers! The Gift Shop will be closed December 22 - January 4. Merry Christmas!

Select Formed Now: *Who Are the Angels?* In Formed Today, watch Ben Akers and Dr. Mark Miravalle discuss What is an angel? What are the choirs of angels? How do we engage with our guardian angels?

To sign up for Formed, go to Formed.org/signup: enter our zip code (16801) and select Our Lady of Victory. The Formed app is available on Apple TV and Roku.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament -

"People who place themselves in front of the sun get a tan, while people who place themselves in front of the Eucharist become saints." - St. Carlo Acutis. Consider spending some time with

Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament! Adoration takes place on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** from 8:30am to 4:00pm. You can stop in for a visit or sign up to be a scheduled Adorer (we need coverage for the morning hours, especially from 11:00 AM to Noon). If you cannot commit to being scheduled every week at a specific time, consider volunteering to be a substitute for Adorers who cannot attend their scheduled time. Please contact the Church office at 814-237-7832 or email office@ourladyofvictory.com to be added as a scheduled or substitute adorer.



Gabriel Project:

The Gabriel Project is a Pro-Life movement offering parish-based pastoral care to women in a crisis pregnancy. It is the goal of the Gabriel Project to help such women with all their practical needs, as well as offering them unconditional love in an apostolate of friendship throughout their pregnancy. There is a need for baby hygiene products, baby laundry products (ALL FREE detergent), newborn clothes, onesies, sleepers, baby wipes, shampoo, etc.,. Due to liability, we cannot accept used toys, strollers, cribs, or baby formula. Thank you very much for your support for these families. For more info about the Gabriel Project, please call 814-867-5511. For monetary donations, please place them in the Sunday collection, or mail them to Betty Gummo, c/o Our Lady of Victory Church, 820 Westerly Parkway, State College, PA 16801. Checks made out to "OLV/The Gabriel Project" (a 501c3 non-profit) can be used as a tax deduction.

If you are in need of Gabriel Project services, please call 814-867-5511 or 1-800-910-0191.

Audio Recordings of the Sunday Gospel Reading and Homily

can be sent to you, by way of TEXT messaging, for shut-ins or general home listening. Simply TEXT a name (first name or alias is sufficient) and a TEN DIGIT cell-phone number to (717) 504 1091 to be added to the list of recipients.

Saint John the Evangelist Feast Day Chapel

Tour & Wine Blessing: Saturday, December 27 at noon at the Columbus Chapel & Boal Mansion Museum. Limited tickets available due to space in the chapel. No cost to attend, but donations are encouraged to support the preservation efforts of the historic estate and holy artifacts. Register by calling/texting 724-859-5324 emailing office@boalmansion.com.



Tune into WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7 -FM this Christmas!

Enjoy special Christmas programming beginning on Christmas Eve at 5:00pm and continuing throughout the octave season. God bless you for prayerfully considering a year-end contribution to support our spiritual work of mercy.

Our 501(c)(3) organization is volunteer-run and your tax-deductible donation may be mailed to: Voice of Divine Mercy, PO Box 862, State College, PA 16804-0862. Lastly, we ask that you keep the homebound, hospitalized, and imprisoned members of our listening audience in your prayers at Christmas.



Seven Sisters Apostolate UPDATE:

We need a couple more women to pray for Jamie Darnell, who is in the Deaconate Formation Program. What we ask from you is one hour, one day a week for 52 weeks of the year. Please contact Karen Kearney at kearneyt1@comcast.net or 814-883-4588 with questions or to join our efforts. Thanks to the 21 women who are being generous with their time and lifting up Fr George, Bishop Mark Bartchak and Deacon Dave for a the next 52 weeks.



Women of Grace/Young Women of Grace:

Do you want to increase your knowledge of who you are as a child of God? WOG and YWOG can help you. To learn who you are in God's eyes so you can stand up against who the world tells you who you are to be. For us to learn the truth of who we are and the gift of their femininity.

We are hoping to start both of these in the New Year. Seek the truth and you shall find it. Help the young girls in your life to a great start. Anyone seeking more information please contact Karen Kearney at kearneyt1@comcast.net or 814-883-4588.

For those suffering hearing loss, there are hearing assist devices available. Check one out of the sacristy (rear of the Church), before Mass.

Adult Catechesis takes place from 10:35am-11:15am (between the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses) on Sundays in the Activities Center Assembly Room. All are welcome to attend, but we especially encourage CCD parents and high school students who have finished CCD to join us. You can attend as many or as few sessions as you like. Please contact Roseanne at RMcManus1@yahoo.com if you have any questions or to get on our email list.

Dec. 21 Christmas Party

Dec. 28 No meeting



**Father O'Hanlon Council #4678
State College Knights of Columbus**

“Knights Notes” :

Calendar of Events: Please check www.kc4678.com

Council Meetings– 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:00pm.

OLV Activities Center - Fr. O'Hanlon Room
(basement) at 820 Westerly Parkway

Blood Donations: redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?ZipSponsor=16801

Knights - Church Sign/Misprint Jokes: The Magi said “We’ll give him Gold and Frankincense...but wait...there’s Myrrh.”

Want to be part of the brotherhood? Please ask a Knight or send an email to info@kc4678.com. COME AND SEE!

On the Web:

K of C webpage: www.kc4678.com

K of C Facebook: www.facebook.com/KCCouncil4678

Knights Scholarship Opportunities: Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program: The Knights of Columbus award scholarships to High School Senior children of Knights of Columbus members. The state program awards \$4000 to a winner in the Diocese. Our local council also offers one \$1000 scholarship to a child or grandchild of a member of the local council 4678. The Knights are also awarding \$1000 grants to children of Knights members in Catholic school grades 1-12.

To receive a grant or scholarship application, or if you have questions about the scholarship program, please go to <https://www.kc4678.com/scholarships> and if you do have questions about the Scholarship Program, please contact Jason Foytack at jasonfoytack@gmail.com or (814) 360-6799.

Job Seekers: There are various openings available throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. Log on to www.dioceseaj.org/careers to see the openings and to apply.


Oplatki is available in the Gathering Space of the Church.

Proclaim! To Air Christmas Show and Mass:


The Proclaim! TV Christmas special Joy to the World: Christmas in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will air on Sunday, December 21 at 6:00pm on WWCP FOX 8. The one-hour show will highlight the spirit of Christmas throughout the diocese and include beautiful music from parish and Catholic school choirs, as well as the Proclaim! priests' choir. The Proclaim! TV Christmas Mass will air live from Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown on Christmas Eve, December 24, at 4:00 p.m. on WATM ABC 23 with Bishop Mark as celebrant and homilist.

Sponsor of the Week: Without advertisements in our bulletins from sponsors like the **Independent Catholic Foundation**, this bulletin could not be possible. Be sure to remember them when you need their services. If you would like to advertise in the weekly bulletin, please contact Mike McAleer, from LPI, our bulletin Printer at (412) 855-8013 or mmcaleer@4lpi.com.

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JOIN US FOR A WOMEN'S CONFERENCE!
February 7, 2026
**OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH
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Featured Speaker:
**FR. PAUL
O'CONNOR, SJ**

Scan the QR code to register!



ADULTS - \$30 STUDENTS - \$15



Christmas Memorial Poinsettias 2025 - Donations for poinsettias in memory of loved ones can be made during this Advent season by filling out the form below and dropping it off in the mail slot or the collection basket. Memorials will be published in the bulletin after the holidays.

Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

Address: _____

Donation Amount: _____